



US 41 Conversion

US 41 Corridor

State Line to Green Bay

September 2013

Public Hearings

Draft Environmental Report

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U.S. Department of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**



Tonight's agenda

5 p.m.

Sign in, pick up handout, review exhibits, discuss project with WisDOT staff.

Private and written testimony begins

5:30 p.m.

WisDOT presentation

6 p.m.

Public verbal testimony for interested individuals

Additional exhibit review and discussion (not part of public testimony)

7 p.m.

End of public hearing



Hearing Objectives

Public Review

- Study findings and exhibits
- Obtain comments on preferred alternatives
- Obtain comments on environmental document

Public Testimony

- Receive verbal and written testimony
- WisDOT and FHWA will review prior to selecting the recommended alternative





Description of Hearing Exhibits

Display Boards (on easels)

Handouts (on tables)

Documents Available for Viewing

- Environmental Report
- Agency Coordination Plan
- Impact Analysis Methodology





Study Area



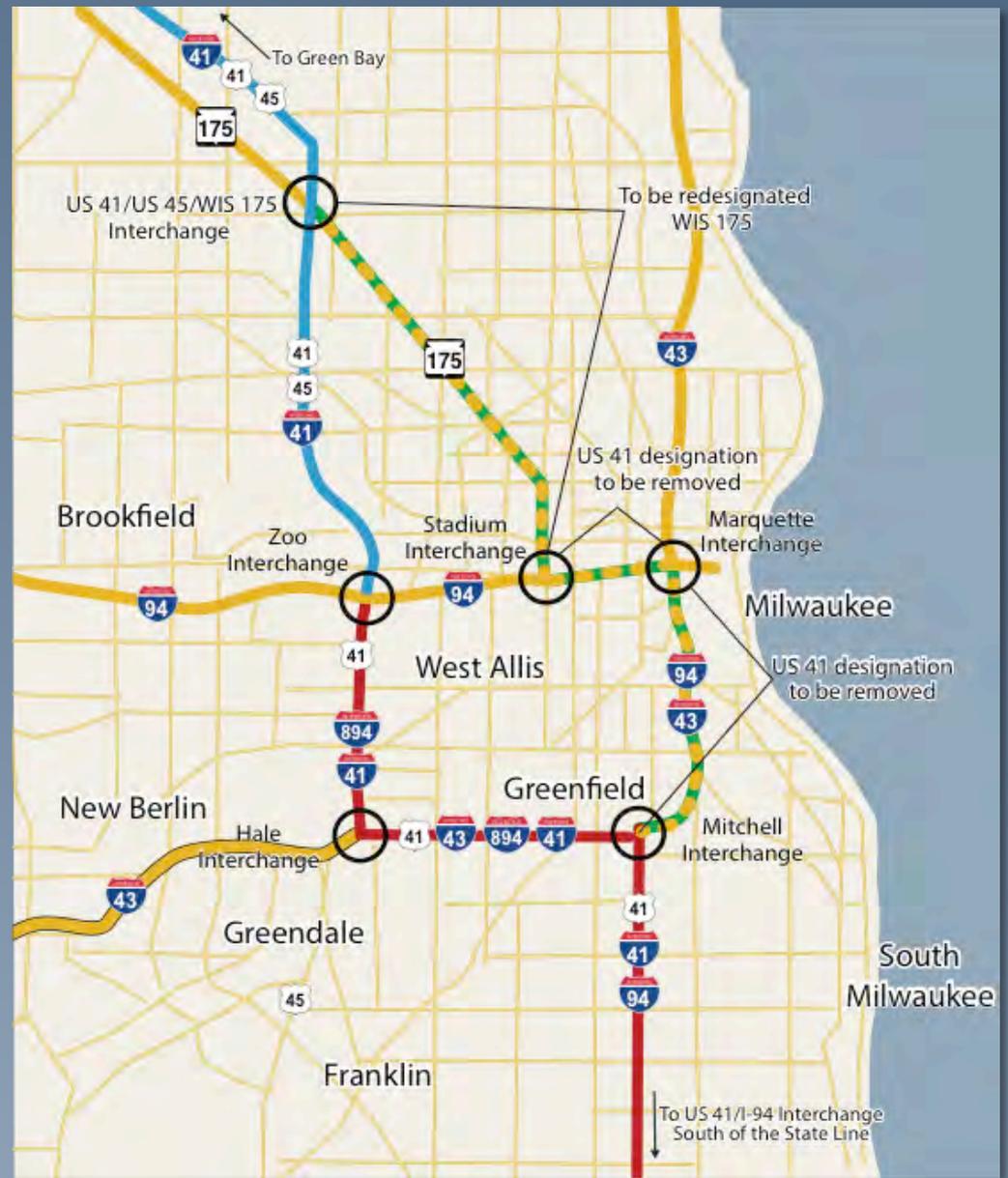
LEGEND

-  Proposed Interstate conversion and newly designated I-41 route
-  Proposed I-41 signing added to existing Interstate (Designated I-41)
-  US 41 Not included in the designated interstate route





Milwaukee Area





Environmental Report

ER development

- Considers and evaluates range of alternatives
- Selects preferred alternative

Considers various factors

- Economic development
- Legislation
- Impacts of installing signing and other minor improvements
- Public and agency input
- Cost

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION OF FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Basic Sheet 1

Project ID 1113-00-00	Project Termini From: US 41-84 Interchange (1.0 mile south of the Wisconsin/Wisconsin state line) To: US 41-43 Interchange (Green Bay)	Funding Sources - Check all that apply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local
Route Designation (if applicable) National Highway System (NHS) Route <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Nearest Community Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Neenah, Appleton, Green Bay	Estimated Project Cost \$9.1 million (2014 dollars) Real Estate Acquisition Portion of Estimated Cost \$3
Project Name US 41 Interstate Conversion Study	Section-Township-Range	Right of Way Acquisition Fee _____ Acres _____ 47.0 0
County Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Outagamie, and Shawano	Bridge Number(s), I	

Environmental Report

Functional Class	Interstate	Expressway	Other	Resurfacing	Pavement Replacement	Reconditioning	Expansion	Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Replacement	A "Major" Project	SRM	Preventive Maintenance	Safety	Other, Describe: Interstate Conversion
Freeway/Expressway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
Principal Arterial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>										
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Major Collector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>										
Minor Collector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>										
Collector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>										
Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>										
No Functional Class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>										

X FHWA Draft Categorical Exclusion, Draft Type 2c, No significant impacts indicated by Initial assessment
 FHWA Final Categorical Exclusion, Type 2c, No significant impacts will occur
 FHWA Environmental Assessment, Type 5, No significant impacts indicated by Initial assessment

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After reviewing and addressing substantive public comments, updating the Preliminary Categorical Exclusion or Environmental Assessment (EA), and coordinating with other agencies, it is determined that this action:
 Will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. This document is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).
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 Has potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required.

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Purpose and Need

Purpose

- To enhance and accelerate economic development by converting and signing the US 41 corridor to an Interstate highway

Need

- **Economics**
 - Increase number of businesses that consider locating to the study area
 - Maintain and expand industrial and commercial development and tourism
- **Project Status/Legislation**
 - Congress designated US 41 as a future Interstate in 2005 legislation

Economics

Interstate conversion helps:

- Business recruitment
- Job creation
- Business retention and expansion
- Tourism
- Property values



Proposed Alternatives

No Interstate Designation

- Preferred alternative *without* grandfathering legislation



Interstate Designation

- Preferred alternative *with* grandfathering legislation





Grandfathering Legislation

HR2353

- Allows current hauling practices to continue on I-41
- WisDOT will not convert without legislation



Outdoor Advertising

Interstate Highway regulations

- Existing conforming signs will become nonconforming
- New off-property signs can only be installed in limited areas



Traffic

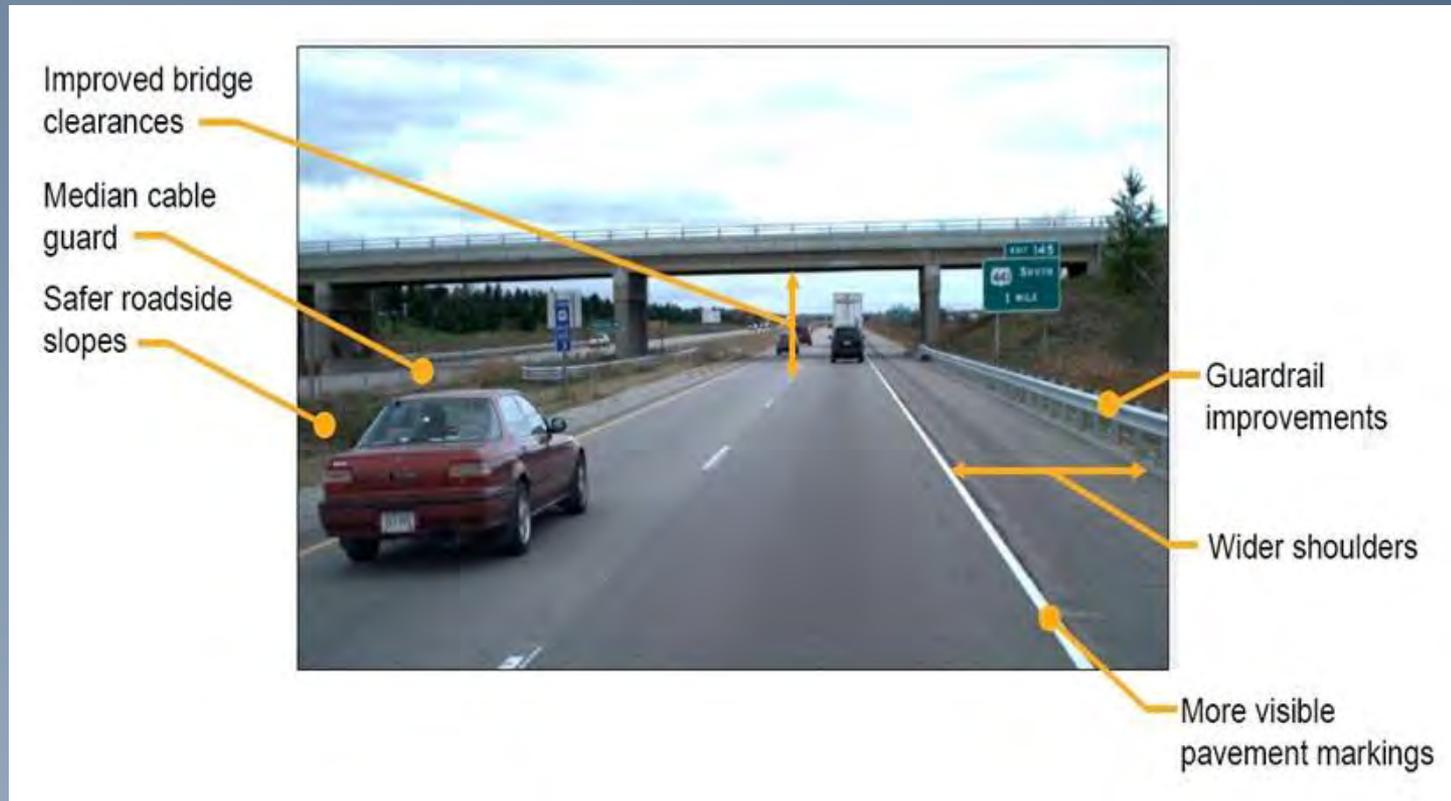
Traffic volumes

- Growth rates have slowed
- 2035 traffic forecasts
- Economic growth impacts to traffic



Future Projects

Programmed resurfacing projects



Current major/mega projects

Environmental Impacts

Alternatives Comparison Matrix

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE	UNIT MEASURE	ALTERNATIVES/SECTIONS	
		No Build (No Interstate Designation)	Build (Interstate Designation- Preferred Alternative)
Project Length	Miles	175*	175*
Preliminary Cost Estimate			
Construction	Million \$	0	9.1
Real Estate	Million \$	0	0
Total	Million \$	0	9.1
Land Conversions			
Wetland Area Converted to ROW	Acres	0	0
Upland Habitat Area Converted to ROW	Acres	0	0
Other Area Converted to ROW	Acres	0	0
Total Area Converted to ROW	Acres	0	0
Real Estate			
Number of Farms Affected	Number	0	0
Total Area Required From Farm Operations	Acres	0	0
ALS Required	Yes/No	No	No
Farmland Rating	Score	NA	NA
Total Buildings Required	Number	0	0
Housing Units Required	Number	0	0
Commercial Units Required	Number	0	0
Other Buildings or Structures Required	Number (Type)	0	0
Environmental Issues			
Indirect Effects	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Cumulative Effects	Yes/No	No	Yes
Environmental Justice Populations	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Historic Properties	Number	0	0 ^b
Archeological Sites	Number	0	0 ^b
106 MOA Required	Yes/No	No	No
4(f) Evaluation Required	Yes/No	No	No
Flood Plain	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Total Wetlands Filled	Acres	0	0
Stream Crossings	Number	89	89
Endangered Species	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Air Quality Permit Required	Yes/No	No	No
Design Year Noise Sensitive Receptors		0	0 ^c
No Impact	Number		
Impacted	Number		
Contaminated Sites	Number	0	0



Next Steps

- September 26:** Close of public comments
- October 2013*:** Signed final Environmental Report placed on project website
- October 2013*:** Formal Conversion Request Package to FHWA Headquarters
- December 2013/
January 2014*:** FHWA officially designates I-41 corridor
- March 2014*:** Interstate sign plans bid letting
- Summer/Fall 2014*:** Interstate shields installed

**This schedule is based on passage of federal grandfathering legislation*





Questions?



Instructions for Providing Testimony

Private verbal testimony

- Individually with court reporter
- Make your statement privately
- Available from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Wait for an opening, state your name, address, and if applicable, the group, organization, or business you are representing
- Then give the court reporter your comments



Instructions for Providing Testimony

Public verbal testimony

- Complete a “Registration Slip for Public Verbal Testimony”
- Give slip to WisDOT staff
- Your name will be called in the order the registration slips are received
- When called to the microphone, please state your name, address, and if applicable, the group, organization, or business you are representing
- Limit your testimony to 3 minutes to allow time for others to provide testimony





Instructions for Providing Testimony

Written testimony

- Complete the “Written Testimony Form”
- Include your name, address, and if applicable, the group, organization, or business you are representing
- Place the written testimony in comment box on the table tonight or
- Mail in the written comment form which is pre-addressed and does not require postage.
- Or send written comments via e-mail. Please see the project website at www.41conversion.wi.gov for details.



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